



Revelation Comes in Your Storms

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Mathew 8:18-34

Jesus preached and taught with God's authority. He was anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit. "When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one **HAVING AUTHORITY**, and **NOT AS THEIR SCRIBES.**" Matt. 7:28 We are also to teach, preach, witness and everything we do with the Authority that God has given us. But is the anointing flowing through you. Are you a praying man? Are you practicing the Word of God? Are you living a godly life? Are you a worshiper of God? Are you discipling? Not just teaching or preaching!

In verse 18 Jesus gives an "Order" to His disciples "to depart to the other side of the sea." Do you obey God when He also gives you an order? If you are only a disciple that listens to the Word and not practice it, you will not respond to Jesus. Many Christians just love to "Hear" the Word of God, but they don't like to practice it. The disciples listen to the order that Jesus gave them and that is the reason that they entered the boat and were on their way to the other side. As the disciples stepped out of the crowd of listeners they encountered a storm on their way to the other side of the sea. When you decide to obey orders and do God's perfect will for your life you will engage in spiritual warfare. When you experience this kind of

spiritual warfare you will begin to grow and experience the Life of God flowing in power and the revelation of God in your life. The crowd of listeners do not experience the power and anointing and revelation that they would experience in the storms. The disciples experienced power, anointing and revelation of Christ in the storm. Many Christians want the Revelation of Christ in their lives but they refuse to get in the boat and cross to the other side because they don't want to go through the storm.



Matthew 8:24-27 - "...there arose a great storm on the sea..." It was in the storm that the disciples received revelation from Jesus. "Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm." V.26 After that marvelous revelation the disciples reached land. But after that they encountered more spiritual warfare. "When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs." V.28 The disciples had just got out of a "Great Storm" and now they were in the middle of another storm. Two demon-possessed men approached them. But Jesus cast out the demons and those two men became evangelists' and preached the gospel. "And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus..." Jesus revealed to His disciples His power of deliverance! Greater

is Jesus then the devil. The moment you step out of the "Listening Crowd" spiritual war steps in. Now you are involved in a new ball game as the disciples were, as they saw Jesus battle those two demon-possessed men. They were there in the middle of the battlefield. It is time to do something for Jesus. Come out of those pews and do something for Jesus. When you get into that boat like the disciples you will be involved in spiritual warfare. The challenge of the Gospel is to live it and to take it to the Lost. Jesus ordered His disciples to get into the boat to cross over to the other side. We need to step out in faith and to begin to be with the people again as we share the gospel to the lost souls.

Matthew 16:24 - "Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me." A disciple goes the extra mile and is not just a listener. II Corinthians 4:10-12, "always carry about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." V.10 Die to self and the Life of God will flow in Power! The Holy Spirit will not anoint the flesh. Philippians 3:9 - "and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own. "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death." The cross involves the suffering of Jesus because of our obedience. Satan will attack us. Many Christians are suffering because of their disobedience. Jesus will protect us if we trust Him. II Corinthians 4:7-12 - Handle it. Satan is a defeated Foe but we need to do our part. Ephesians 6:11 - "Put on the full armor of God..." To defeat the Flesh, we must go to the Cross so that we can put it on

the cross. The only way to defeat the Flesh is at the Cross and there is no other way. How do we take up our Cross. Lay something down - Deny Self, Jesus is Boss. Lift something up - Crucifixion - Sure Death. Leave something out - Luke. 9:24 - Daily. "...he must deny himself, ...Lay down ...take up his cross..." "...follow Me..."

When you deny yourself, it means that Jesus is your Boss. We belong to God! The flesh must be crucified at the Cross. Your goals and plans die at the Cross. When you pick up your cross as a Christian, it means you are dying to self-daily. How many Christians are not willing to die to the desires of the Flesh? When you pick up your Cross you are also allowing Jesus to lead your life daily. Jesus is in control of your life and is leading you on a "Daily Basis". Luke. 9:24 - "And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me." When Jesus controls your life people will **SEE JESUS IN YOUR LIFE**.

CONCLUSION:

When Christians are crucified on the cross this Happens. They can only look Forward. Jesus never looked back. Philipians 2:6-8 Jesus' passion was to die at the cross.

IS THERE FIRE IN YOUR HEART FOR JESUS AND THE LOST.



They can never turn back. You cannot come off the cross you are nailed to. You must have your eyes fixed on Jesus. Stay there crucified on the Cross by faith and the flesh is dead. Your future is fixed. Your plans have died and now your future belongs to God. The future of the man nailed to the Cross was not his anymore because he was going to die. A crucified man or woman is defenseless. You cannot defend yourself because you are nailed to the Cross. Romans 12:19 - "Never take your own revenge beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, vengeance is Mine, I will **REPAY**," says the Lord. Revenge is not on your vocabulary. Are you crucified to the Flesh, to your City, Church?